(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The date of the representation is 14-9-1107.

(*b*) A reply was given to the members that an enquiry on the subject was already ordered to be conducted, and that no public enquiry was found necessary. An enquiry has been ordered to be conducted by the District Magistrate, Quilon, and his report on the enquiry is awaited.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the order for enquiry was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was on 18th April.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it before 14-9-1107?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It seems to be a few days before.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was there an enquiry by the Police Commissioner before that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it in response to the representations from the public that an enquiry by the District Magistrate was ordered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was in pursuance of, I believe, a promise made in this House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the report has not been submitted yet?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has been asked to expedite the report He fixed the 30th Mithunam as the date for taking evidence. But he was not able to proceed to Alleppey on that date. So he has asked for some more time.

Collection of evidence in connection with the enquiry into the conduct of the Alleppey Police towards Congress volunteers.

356. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the names of those who were invited to give evidence before the District Magistrate, Quilon, in connection with the enquiry into the conduct of the Alleppey Police towards Congress volunters;

(*b*) the names of those who responded to the invitation; and

(*c*) the names of those who actually gave evidence?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The statement* required is laid on the table.

Conduct of the Alleppey Police in connection with the arrest of Congress volunteers.

357. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to my interpellation, *re* the conduct of the Alleppey

* *Vide* Appendix I—page i.

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[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

Police in connection with the arrest of picketing volunteers, asked at the meeting of the Council, held on the 26th April 1932, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Quilon District Magistrate has completed his enquiry; and

(*b*) the action taken so far (30-11-1107) by that officer with regard to this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The enquiry stood posted last to the 30th Mithunam 1107. But the District Magistrate now reports that he was not able to close it on that date, and that, out of the 30 persons who were convicted by the Ambalapuzha Magistrate in connection with the arrest made by the Police and to whom notices were issued to appear and let in evidence, only 10 persons had appeared till the 30th Mithunam 1107.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Was this case posted to any date prior to 30th Mithunam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. There was an enquiry on the 13th Edavom.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether any persons, other than these convicted volunteers, were summoned or examined?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 30 persons who were convicted were alone examined. I do not see that anybody else was summoned.

Law charges for defending Police Officers prosecuted during 1103-1106.

358. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent under law charges such as vakils' fee, etc., for defending Police Officers who were accused by private parties during the last 4 years;

(*b*) the number of cases and the number of witnesses examined in each case during the same period; and

(*c*) whether any preliminary enquiry is being held by any superior officer or officers of the Department, with regard to the *bona fides* or otherwise of the complaints against a Police Officer, before sanction from Government is sought for and obtained for the defence?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

		Rs.	ch.	c.
(*a*) 1103	...	...	...	...
1104	...	272	0	0
1105	...	104	0	0
1106	...	27	11	0

(*b*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information will be out of all proportion to the possible utility to be derived from it.

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